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STAMP COLLECTING.

BY J. C.

Why have you such a craze on this subject? Is it for amusement, or instruction, or profit, in a pecuniary point of view? This is a question often asked. Some stamp magazines have been printing stories of wonderful finds of valuable stamps, by which the heavily mortgaged homestead was redeemed, and recommending the pursuit for the sole purpose of making money. But this is a belittleing of the work of the philatelist. Let no young people engage in this work with that idea, but let no parent or guardian discourage the young stamp collector. It is a great thing to have some object, some interest in life, and every scrap of useful knowledge gained is like the ever widening circle from a pebble thrown into a pool of water, we know not how it may result or be useful in the future in far different pursuits. It is well to see young people interested in such a harmless occupation. And what is gained? The powers of observation are developed, trained, strengthened, habits of neatness are cultivated, memory improved, knowledge of countries, their history, sovereigns, coins, flags, and stores of historical lore are gained. The knowledge of geography obtained by the boy or girl collector is wonderful. The vast German empire now with one stamp, where some years ago its kingdoms, duchies, free towns had each one a separate stamp. And now we have United Italy, with the head of Humbert, where formerly were the stamps of Sardinia, Naples, Sicily, Tuscany.

How strange that from Atlantic to Pacific our Queen's head stamps has replaced the different stamps of the provinces, with their variety of codfish, beaver, Jacques Cartier, ships, Prince of Wales, Prince Albert. And south of us how are we reminded of that terrible time of tears and blood, when the nation was almost rent asunder, as we look at the Confederate stamps and contrast its pale tint with the carmine of to-day. In Spain too during the time that our Victoria has sat unmoved on her throne, what different faces do we find, Queen Isabella, Amadeus, Alfonso, the baby king, and those grim looking Carlist heads.

Who as a British subject, or indeed as the subject of any country, can fail to be impressed with the extent of that empire on which the sun never sets, on seeing so frequently recurring on the pages of his album, that serene face of majesty on the stamps of islands, dotting the sea, east and west and north and south.

There is no doubt that in Canada the pursuit of Philately has taken many strides forward in the last year, and the CANADIAN PHILATELIST has done much in this direction, with the publication of the handbooks, giving accurate information in so many points, information which is very valuable, for there are many false ideas with regard to the value of stamps. What exaggerated ideas have some, thinking anything old must necessarily be valuable. With what an air have stamps been presented to us, as if rare, which were absolutely valueless. The collector often meets with much disappointment, from the want of close powers of observation in those whom he asks for help, often finding what was promised as a great treasure of no use whatever. Sometimes however the reverse is the case, and the collector is agreeably surprised in coming unexpectedly on a treasure indeed.

And what strange stories are there brought up by many stamps in our collection. Turning over the stamp albums of our friends is a great source of amusement, each collection having some choice stamp, valueless perhaps when placed there, but now not to be replaced by purchase or in any other way. Lately I saw several fourpence and sixpence vermilion stamps of Newfoundland, pasted down solid, and perhaps it was as well, for the owner was quite ignorant of their value. Here is a stamp from Hayti which will always bring back the thought of what was almost a tragedy. It was given to me still damp from half an hour's saturation in the waters of Lake Ontario, while ten persons clung to a sail boat, upset in sight of the Stars and Stripes on one side of the river, and the Union Jack on the other. What thoughts must have gone through their minds during the suspense when death seemed so near. Here is a Canadian sixpence sent me by a friend in Scotland, preserved though many vicissitudes. Here is a new bright one cent U. S. 1857 found in a book which had been lying for thirty years in a trunk unused, the young wife who intended to use it has been in her grave for all these years and the daughter who never saw her mother comes unexpectedly upon this reminder. Here is a stamp from Turk's Island which always brings up the thought of a beautiful bouquet made entirely of shells from that shore, the ingenuity and delicacy with which the tiny shells were adapted for buds, petals, leaves, sprays, being wonderful. Here is a Siam stamp, originally in a letter from a young lady missionary who goes as a bride but soon came a telegram of her death, but still come the regularly written letters weekly for a month. Oh the pathos of it, we almost doubt in such a case the benefit of the submarine cable.

An eight cent Canadian register came to my hands the other day, all that I had previously seen were uncancelled, but this came on a letter, the eight cents to stand for the five cent registration, and the three cents for the postage ; it bears the mark of cancelling.

My British Columbia stamps remind me of wonderful stories of adventure, endurance, hardships, persevering hard work at the mines when the four hundred miles to Cariboo had to be trudged on foot. The letters all came by way of San Francisco, and sometimes a valuable B. C. stamp has been found covered up by a U. S. stamp.

But enough has been said to show in point of interest, for information, amusement, formation of good habits, sentiment, a collection of postage stamps need not be despised.

ANTI-AMALGAMATION.

BY A DISSENTER.

Amalgamation ! The foregoing topic has been the heading of various articles, published in the Philatelic Press, during the past few months. I, myself, am far from being in favor of the movement so advocated, for it is my strong belief that our various Philatelical Associations, at present in active operation, are doing far more good in their present separated form than could be accomplished as an amalgamated national body. Let us look to the cause of this agitation. We find that it originated during the decline of the American Philatelic Association, and that the agitators were in the greater part composed of the members of the said Association, who considered it a suitable plan of bolstering up their somewhat shattered finances, and rapidly declining membership. The agitation was promptly taken hold of by the leading American journals, probably as a good subject to fill up space, for I am personally aware that some of the editors who devoted their space to this *hue* and *cry* were themselves against amalgamation. I fail to see the advantages the smaller societies would obtain by consolidation with the greater, unless it be the latter's incorporation. If such be the *only* desired end, is it not feasible for the said smaller organizations to take out incorporations. As a member of *all* of the five organizations who would be most likely to be affected by amalgamation, I may say that in *four* of the *five* associations I find that the majority of my fellow-members disfavor the idea of having their identity lost by the union under one amalgamated head. Among the many objections which could be brought forward, did space permit, might mention that the classes of collectors for which some of these organizations were formed differ materially. Take *The Sons of Philately*, a representative society for the younger and, I might say, non-scientific class of collectors, would by amalgamation with the A. P. A., which latter is an association for the advanced or scientific class of collectors, both lose their identity as supporters of their respective classes of members. I do not wish to reflect on any of the societies, as I have an interest in all, but I am persuaded that their benefits would be more widespread than they would be in the case that amalgamation became a fact. Another part of the topic refers to the amalgamation of the *State Societies*. I disfavor this last, even more so than I do the first. One of the main objects of the *State Societies* is to bring about personal intercourse between philatelists, which is so little done by *national societies*, owing to the scattered area over which their membership extends. The state societies are doing a deal of good in various ways, and I hope the time is not far distant when *every* state will have a large and powerful organization within its borders. Let all our societies retain their identity, exist as separate bodies, and the more numerous and widespread our societies, national, local, and state, become, in like proportion will their assistance to the general growth of Philately be felt. The conventions which have recently been held, on the whole made but little progress toward amalgamation, which I am pleased to note. Our associations are our backbone ; let them have all of your support, time and influence you possibly can and so increase their power.

The Post-Office Department has been notified of the admission, on the 1st of July, of the Transvall, Natal, Bosnia and Herzegovina into the postal union.

JUST SOMETHING MORE.

BY EKS. PLUSTOO.

A well-known English poet has chosen as the subject of a poem, one of a large class of persons, whom he thus very vividly and correctly describes; or rather he pictures to us the faint impressions left upon some minds by subjects that in other minds create unbounded enthusiasm.

> "A primrose by the river's brim,
> A *yellow* primrose it was to him,
> And it was nothing more."

So as I thought over the matter a little, it seemed to me that with a somewhat different wording it would be a very realistic presentation of a great majority of us stamp collectors. Our 90c U. S. is a blue, or a carmine, or a purple stamp. Our 6d. Canada is a purple or a lilac. Our shilling New Brunswick is a violet stamp, and these are nothing more. And yet from before the die is cut which leaves its impression to become the talisman by which our thoughts find access to every part of the civilized world, until ceasing from its wandering, that same impression adorns the pages of our albums with beauty and with grace, there is a wide extending field of nobler purpose and loftier inspiration than so many of us are satisfied to enjoy in our little area of stamp color, make of paper, perforation, watermark, etc.

Man is said to be an imitative being, he learns to walk, and talk, and act by imitation; he gathers, buys, and sells, and exchanges stamps by that same innate faculty. To that same innate faculty must we ascribe the almost endless panorama of heads of kings, and queens, and emperors; presidents, and priests, and statesmen, that bedeck our philatelic treasures, and the few innovations that have been made to the time-honored penny of 1840. But the fact that a few variations have been made is cause for satisfaction, and every collector should use every effort in his power to induce the designers of the world's postage stamps to step out into the circle of nature and materially increase our hill, and dale, and mountain; our stars, and tree, and flower, and full-blown landscape upon their stamp designs. What oasis amid the deserts of heads are the beaver of Canada, the quezel of Guatamala, the lyrebird, the kangaroo, and the cassowary of New South Wales; add to these the Tasmanian platypus, the black swan of Western Australia, the peruvian llamas, the dog, seal and cod-fish of Newfoundland, and the mountains of Bolivia, Nicaragua and Salvador and our picture gallery of natural objects, if we except newer issues, is almost exhausted. And what landscapes have we? If we omit historical representations we have scarcely an example outside the lofty, towering summits of Costa Rica, the rolling meadows of Liberia, and the light on land and sea displayed upon the Hawaiian envelopes.

Again, man is an imaginative being, by the exercise of this faculty a broomstick becomes a charger, his tin sword a Damascene blade; his first collection a priceless treasure, and his rarities without a parallel. With such an attribute, and a suggestive design what visions might we have of nature's wide and varied productions, visions of fruit, and flowers, and field of golden grain; and palm, and plant, and picture; bird, and beast, and scenes innumerable. And what an added beauty these would scatter through our collections, in addition to the higher culture, the wider knowledge, the deeper interest evolved thereby.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR.

Three months ago he did not know
His lessons in geography ;
Though he could spell, and read quite well,
And cipher, too, he could not tell
The least thing in topography.

But what a change ! How passing strange ;
This stamp collecting passion
Has roused his zeal, for woe or weal,
And lists of names he now can reel
Off in amazing fashion.

I hear him speak of Mozambique,
Heligoland and Bavaria,
Cashmere, Japan, Thibet, Soudan,
Sumah, Spain, Waldeck, Kohran,
Ceylon, Siam, Bulgaria.

Schleswig-Holstein, Oh ! boy of mine,
Genius without a teacher !
Wales, Panama, Scinde, Bolivar,
Jellalabad and Kanahar,
Cabul, Deccan, Helvetia.

And now he longs for more Hong-Kongs,
A Fiji, a Mauritius,
Greece, Borneo, Fernando Po,
And when he'll stop no one can know,
He's grown so avaricious.

—*Exchange.*

NOTES FROM THE WORLD'S FAIR CITY.

Mr. N. E. Carter, of *Badger State Philatelist* fame, and now a resident of Minneapolis, was in the city a few hours a short time ago.

S. B. Bradt & Co. held their seventh auction sale Wednesday evening, Sept. 14. A number of good lots were catalogued, and experience has proved that Chicago sustains its reputation as an auction center as well as the future center of the universe. Messrs. Bradt & Co. are now at work cataloguing the collection of Mr. Chas. Townsend, Akron, Ohio, which will be sold in October.

The heat of the summer months has not had its usual effect on philately this year, and especially has this fact been a noticable one here in Chicago. The meetings of the C. P. S. have been always well attended, from 12 to 20 members usually dropping in during an evening. The C. P. S. has a variety of members; there are summer members, winter members, indifferent members, and in fact, a complete category of variations. There are some though, who are always on hand, and who do not have to be reminded that there is to be something of grave importance to be transacted. P. M. (Wolsieffer) is one of those members who hasn't a string tied around his finger at all times, and the second and fourth Thursday of each month always finds him ready for roll call. The *new issue* at home, of course, has something to say as to Pa's assiduity. P. M. you know is in the music business too, and as a part of his trade is compelled to often hum over a new song to some aspiring beauty, and, as a matter of course, new songs are not always easily sung at first sight ; but when a young lady recently asked for Emmett's " Lullaby," P. M.'s face lighted up, and it is said he sang for dear life. It evidently was not an old song. Our genial secretary C. E. Severn, is another of the old stand-by's, always at his post of duty, and ever mindful of the society's business. Although he has been ill considerable of of the summer. he always manages to call the roll and mark the delinquents. He is one of those pleasant and agreeable fellows, the kind that characterizes this world of ours by their usual sagacity. Dilg is not one of our summer members. The C.P.S. exchange department takes too much of his time I presume. Be such the case or not, it cannot be denied that the wonderful success of this department is due to his efficient service. He doesn't love the *American Philatelist* though. (Did any one say ep-i-tome? Ask Dilg.) Mr Jansen is another of our non-summerites, and he is our worthy president too. Mr. Fritz has a night off once in a while, that is when the brewery is closed for the summer, and drops in at a meeting occasionally and livens matters up a bit. Speaking of breweries reminds me of the St. Louis Convention, of Beardsley, the hat, etc. Mr. B. will be compelled to look to his laurels if he comes to the Chicago Convention in '93, if Bro. Fritz is here. If Chicago runs dry Milwaukee is close at hand.

The question of permanent quarters is at present a perplexing one for the C. P. S. We want a place to entertain our friends in '93, but we can't buy the Grand Pacific or the Aetna either, can we P. M. ? " Speaking of Ellen," excuse me, I should say "Aetna," again reminds me of P. M.'s experience as a member of the committee of permanent location. Rooms were offered him in the Aetna Hotel, and the proprietor was very agreeable in displaying and relating the special advantages of his house. "A quiet game" would not be disturbed, nor would any questions be asked, etc. Some people do have such natural propensity in " sizing" up a man, but we never believe it of P. M. But what was best of all was what P. M. saw through an open door. The C. P. S. will engage the whole floor.

I have heard nothing definite from the Iowa Convention of philatelists at Des Moines. on Aug. 31. I read, some place. that Mr. C.D. Reimers would represent his *Western Philatelist* at the meeting, but as I saw him that day at the Park Theatre, I doubt very much if he " broke away" in time ; Harris saw him later though.

Rumors of an attempt to organize an Illinois State Philatelic Association are hovering about our World's Columbian Exposition city. Why not ? Illinois is second to but one state in the union in philatelic importance, and has an excellent field for such an organization. Let it be done by all means. What is the object of an association ? Rather, what should be the object of such an organization ? To further tne interests of our pursuit. Let us organize an association with practically one object ; to create an interest in our hobby among the younger generation ; interest our young friends in our pleasure ; initiate them into the mysteries of our art. Let someone start the ball.

The *Western Philatelist* for September is quite an improvement over former numbers, but not yet typical of Chicago's publication of old. It contains 12 pages and cover, and its general make-up looks very much like Spooner's *Stamp*; it is, too, published in Maryland. The Review department is quite an interesting feature and is quite extensive. Chicago is an unfortunate city for philatelic publications, but here's for good luck.

A. P. A. Branch No. 1 held a meeting August 25, and though not largely attended was an important one. Resolutions were adopted and signatures appended, requesting the appointment of Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer as resident Vice-President. The S. B. Bradt & Co. have kindly offered their spacious quarters at 132 Wabash Avenue for meeting purposes, twice a month.

STRAY HUMOR.

We would like to give General Hazen a few ideas for the subject of the issue of stamps in connection with the discovery of this country by the immortal Columbus. Having had access to the MSS. of the family, we are enabled to give incidents in his life that the ordinary voyagers through this vale of tears wot not of.

We would suggest the following designs for the World's Fair Issue, and that the face value of the stamp tally with the corresponding year in the life of our hero, when the different events transpired.

The public will please observe that no mention is made in the MSS. of a hatchet or a cherry tree, so that in all probability he did not discover what Mr. Chadhaud calls the "Light of Terewth."

1c. 1st year—Columbus discovers himself considerably astonished.

2c. 2nd year—Practises gum chewing and thereby discovers molars.

3c. 3rd year—Columbus begins life as a traveller by discovering the cellar (head first), is brought up in the same position and liberally interviewed by Mrs. Columbus, senior.

4c. 4th year—Upsets the parental banana-stand. More trouble.

5c. 5th year—Columbus explores the sensational with his first cigarette, subsequent sensations varied, and therefore left to the fancy of the purchaser.

6c. 6th year—Explores the alphabet of sunny Italy —*with* clouds.

10c. 10th year—Explores the domain of love. Casts sheep's eyes at a small Genoese maiden. Is delivered from making an avowal of his passion by the size of the foot of the father of his immorata.

15c. 15th year—Columbus discovers he can lick the son-of-a-gun across the fence next door. Discovers new bumps in his cranium produced in the process.

30c. 30th year—Starts on his voyages, and by *whirling the sphere*, so to speak, foreshadows the national pastime.

90c. 90th year—Can find no mention in the MSS. Spends his time now chiefly on a *bust*. Subject for stamp—*Saint* Columbus and Saint Patrick, as the two benefactors of the Irish.—*Phil. Monthly.*

The distinguishable difference between a postage stamp and a donkey—one gets licked with a stick, and the other gets sticked with a lick.

Baby Alfonso is on the Spanish new postage stamps. He'll now get licked even oftener than he deserves.—*New York Recorder.*

Enter an old lady from the country, accompanied by a little miss, evidently her grand-daughter:—

Old Lady—"Is this where I get the stamps?"

Fair Stamp Distributor—'Yes, how many?"

O. L.—"How much have I got to pay for a three cent stamp?"

Collapse of F. S. D. and by-standers.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

F. H. POUNT, South Lyne, Ct.—Your stamp is a common German Local of little or no value.

E. W., Tadalia, Miss.—You have been credited with a six months' subscription for amount sent; your subscription came to hand after rates were raised.

A.R. HEINZER, Toronto.—You can obtain sample copy by addressing 11 Queen Victoria Street, London, E. C., England.

PERSONALS.

Mr. J. S. Robertson, of St. Thomas, Ontario, the exchange superintendent of the Philatelic Society of Canada, is a leading barrister of that city. Mr. Robertson possesses one of the finest known collections of British North American stamps, it being valued at upwards of four thousand dollars.

Mr. A. H. Milligan, who for some time past has been engaged in stamp dealing, has decided to devote his entire attention to the business, and has opened an office in the western part of this city.

Mr. Walter McMahon, one of the leading Toronto collectors, called on us recently. Mr. McMahon is engaged in the furnishing business, in connection with his father.

Mr. C. H. Holden, of Port Dover, whose monthly auction sales were so successful a venture, has removed to Muskegon, Mich., where he will continue his sales.

Mr. A. R. Rogers of New York is connected with and interested in the Rogers Carbon Co. of that city. Mr. Rogers is one of the strongest props of the A. P. A.

Mr. C. D. Reimers, late of Iowa City, Iowa, has removed to Chicago, and will continue the publication of the *Western Philatelist* from that place.

The editor and publisher of the *Detroit Philatelist* is engaged as book-keeper in the Western Union Telegraph Co. of Detroit.

The annual address of Jno. K. Tiffany, the President of the A. P. A., at the convention of the American Philatelic Association was a fine piece of composition, showing much underlying thought. Mr. Tiffany is a leading light among St. Louis barristers.

Mr. G. B. McLelland, of the City of Mexico, is attending school in this city.

Mr. H. W. Liddicoatt, who possesses one of the finest collections in London, is head master in the London West School. His collection contains between six and seven thousand varieties.

Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

The warm damp weather has played sad havoc with postage stamps that were remitted through the mails in payment of small obligations The loss to the business public in this way is no inconsiderable amount. It is a shame that Uncle Sam can do ne better by his busy nephews who make his Post-office Department a success.

The invention of the post office is ascribed to Cyrus, king of Persia, who lived about 600 B.C. Cyrus required all of his governors of provinces to write to him exact accounts of everything that occurred in their several districts and armies. The Persian Empire was of vast extent, and some means had to be provided to render that correspondence sure and expeditious. Cyrus therefore caused post-offices to be built and messengers appointed in every province. He found how far a good horse, with an experienced rider, could travel in a day without being hurt, and then had stables built in proportion, at equal distances from each other. At each of these places he also appointed post-masters, whose duty it was to receive the letters from the couriers as they arrived, and give them to others, and to give fresh horses in exchange for those that had performed their part of the journey. Thus the post went continually night and day, rain or snow, heat or cold, and Cyrus received speedy news of all occurrences, and sent back whatever orders he considered necessary. Darius, the last king of the ancient Persians, was superintendent of them before he came to the throne.

CURIOSITIES OF THE POST OFFICE.—Among the eccentricities in the Postmaster-General's report for Great Britain and Ireland are the following: On the 4th September a small cardboard box containing a live kitten was brought into the Parcel Post Office at Preston Station. The packet, which was addressed to Garstang, had been shot from the mail bag apparatus near Penrith into the express train. The kitten, though seriously alarmed, escaped with comparatively slight injury, but did not recover from the shock for a day or two. The sender, with a singular mixture of thoughtfulness and indifference, had provided a bottle of milk with a tube through the cork for the sustenance of the animal on the journey. The beverage was untouched, and it is to be hoped that such experience will not be repeated. Amongst the contents of parcels which reached the Returned Letter Office there were, as usual, a variety which were sent contrary to the well known regulations of the Department, for example, 500 leeches from abroad, live snakes, frogs, tame rats and a live locust from the Cape of Good Hope. In an Indian mail bag, sealed before departure and not opened until its arrival in London some three weeks subsequently, was discovered a specimen of the Indian mouse, which arrived alive and unhurt after its lengthened journey without any indication of having suffered from want of food. A letter posted by a lady in the neighborhood of Leamington without any address, and without any clue to the sender, was found to contain two £100 Bank of England notes, which, after enquiry, were traced to her and duly returned. The lady, in gratitude for the safe return of her property, sent a contribution of £30 to the Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund.

ENGLISH NOTES.

BY C. J. COX.

The Stamp Collectors of France are to have the same treat as we had in 1890, to wit—A Stamp Exhibition is intended to be held in Paris in October next, when the Philatelists of France will have some treasures on view. Another Stamp Exhibition in London is being talked about over here, to be held next year. Should they have another one the late Mr. Tapling's superb collection of British Guiana, Mauritius, etc., will be very much missed.

It is surprising how some stamps get so much reduced in price. Take for instance Mexico, 1864, of which the market seems to be over-stocked. These sets of 4 Mexico 1864 are now being sold for 6d. On reference to several lists of two years ago, I find that these sets where then sold at 3sh. per set! Are the above reprints, or are they a lot that have been brought to light accidentally?

The ranks of Philately are not without their royal supporters. The Duke of Edinburgh and Prince George of Wales are both ardent collectors. The Duke of Edinburgh's collection includes a fine set of Greek errors, and unused stamps of Uruguay early issues.

The Post Office issued an order recently, in which they say that information having been received from the Portuguese Postal authorities that no parcels or sample packets for Portugal, sent via France, will be allowed to cross the Portuguese frontier. All such packets and parcels will be sent by mail steamer to Lisbon.

Philately is at a standstill over here, and every one is looking forward to the next season.

A 4½d. stamp has been in contemplation by the Post Office authorities for some time past, but up to the present, it has not yet been adopted.

Mr. Henniker Heaton will be disappointed in the hope he once entertained that Canada would show England the way in the matter of imperial penny postage. Sir Adolphe Caron, the Dominion Postmaster-General, expressed his personal admiration for the idea, but he made it clear that Canada's financial position will not allow of her indulging in the luxury. Canada now pays $125,000 for the carriage of mails to Great Britain, while the revenue derived from home-bound mails is only $58,800, which, added to the $14,565 received for the British Mails sent to Canada by Canadian Packet, make a total revenue of only $73,365, and leaves an annual deficit on the service.

The annual report of the British Post Office has now been issued, and the items are very gratifying. The total revenue is £10,402,700, and total expenditure £7,201,821, leaving a profit of £3,200,879.

The London Philatelic Society have lost the valuable services of Mr. Philbrick, Q. C., after being connected with the society for the past twenty-three years. The Earl of Kingston has been chosen as successor to the Presidential chair.

A new paper, called the *London Philatelist*, has been issued, and is far above the ordinary standard of philatelic papers.

IT IS REPORTED

☞ That among the most ridiculous acts of the U. S. Post Office department, the authorities actually fumigated Canadian mails for England, subjecting them to a delay of nearly a week. This is outrageous, that mail from a country where there is *no cholera*, should be subjected to fumigation.

☞ That the P. S. of C. will let an American paper have the contract for official organship, *pro tem.*

☞ That Messrs. Dickson and Bernstein, of this city, will publish a new journal, the "Philatelic Journal of Canada," sometime during September. It will consist of 16 pages and cover.

☞ That the Mexican unpaid letter stamps are frauds of the worst description. They were issued by a Mexican dealer as a speculation.

☞ That the Canadian Association will abandon its exchange department.

☞ That a party in Geneva, by the name of Henri Gœgg, is advertising counterfeit Swiss stamps of rare Cantons, Balse, etc., as reimpressions, and offers them cancelled at 20 cents each. Collectors should exercise great caution in purchasing these stamps.

☞ By Canadensis, in a recent issue of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, that the publication rights of the Canadian Philatelist had been transferred to Messrs. Bernstein and Dickson, of this city; such a step was never thought of, nor even suggested. Where did you get you information, Canadensis?

☞ By the *Philatelic Era*, that carmine and rose can be chemically changed into brown, orange, yellow and gray; brick-red, orange and yellow into brown, yellow, green and gray; green into brown, yellow, blue, violet and gray; blue into brown, orange, yellow, green, violet and black; ultramarine into yellow, brown and gray; violet into rose, yellow, green, blue and gray.

☞ That the Bogert and Durbin Co. have undertaken to dispose of Mr. Sterling's rare New Haven Local, and have advanced $1000 as security on it. Which is the rarest, this stamp or the "Mauritius Post Office"?

☞ That Germany is to issue a new set of stamps in the near future.

☞ That the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* has changed hands.

☞ That there are only six stamp magazines in the world that *pay*.

☞ By a correspondent of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, that of a recent provisional issue in Straits Settlement, he holds 230,000 out of the 250,000 issued. Suspicious, is it not?

☞ That the Committee of the *Paris Philatelic Exhibition* expect an attendance of over 10,000 collectors.

☞ That the first issue of the *Nebraska Stamp* has appeared.

MONTREAL NOTES.

BY SANA.

The next property transfer tax stamps will in future be sold at the stamp office at the Court House.

Mr. Edgar Nelton, of Chicago, was in town the last two weeks. He bought many good stamps for his collection; he then departed for Ottawa.

There are 150 stamp collectors known in Montreal, nearly all French people; also many ladies are interested in it.

Mr. J. David left for Waterloo, Que., on July the 20th, intending to buy a collection of 20 years old. Mr. David has written a fine piece about the Collectors of Montreal. It will be offered to the C. P. later on.

Following up a clue gained by a letter which lay for some time in the St. Jean Baptiste post office, Detective Lafontaine has located Willie Dallas, who left his home in this city eight years ago. He was then only nine years old and his parents were nearly frantic for some time, but at last he was given up as dead. Last week the detective received a letter from Deputy-Sheriff Thompson, of Bellows Falls, New Hampshire, informing him that the missing boy is alive and well at Keene, 18 miles from Bellows Falls. It is probable that Mr. Dallas will go out there to see his long lost son.

Detective Carpenter arrested a native of Damascus named Ameen Abou Loufty, who keeps a store at 49 St. Jean Baptiste Street, in the heart of a small Assyrian colony. He was charged with stealing a registered letter and the circumstances are these: Sometime ago Mrs. Mary Houssan came from New York, where she lived at 97 Washington Street, and stopped at accused's place. It is alleged she asked for registered letters and was told there was none. On returning to New York she found that the letter had been sent. At the Post Office here it was found that Loufty had received the letter, said to contain $300, from the Post Office. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded.

(Special Dispatch.)

THOS. O. PARDOE, JR., DECAMPED.

Complaints against the above named party have been very numerous of late. His latest scheme was the advertisement which appeared in various philatelic magazines, offering 4 varieties of Canadian stamped envelopes for $1. His victims are many. The envelopes, on arrival, proved to be merely the common hand stamped "Paid" envelopes, which are worthless. One of Pardoe's worst sufferers is Mr. J. J. Overton, of Cleveland, who sent $18 for 18 sets of the envelopes. Complaint was lodged with the Post Office Inspector at London, and with J. J. Hegler, Barrister, Ingersoll, with orders to prosecute. Search proved that, a few hours before, Pardoe and his father had skipped to Grand Ledge, Michigan. No pains or expense will be spared to bring this young rascal to justice. Sufferers may put their claims in our hands, and we will place them in the hands of the department. Collectors should deal cautiously with parties at Grand Ledge. He is at the Hotel Finkham.

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EDITORIAL.

"'Twas only a False Alarm." Our contemporaries from some unknown quarter, and we must say unreliable source, obtained information that this magazine had discontinued publication, and in other cases it was mentioned that the magazine had been sold, and publication would be renewed under new management. We can in no way account for these sudden and false reports, unless they have arisen from our resignation of the Official Organship of the Philatelic Society of Canada; and it may have been thought that our reason for resigning was a desire to cease publication; but not so. We never as much as thought of steps such as the above, as we are one of these "everlasting flowers" you hear of. We sincerely trust that none of our subscribers have suffered a nervous attack from the above reports. Our subscribers and their subscriptions are safe in our hands.

Review of Trade. Summer is usually termed the dull season of philately, winter the busy. The past summer season has been an unusual busy one; dealers have been compelled to retain their full force of winter clerks throughout the summer. We, ourselves, have had a heavier summer trade than usual. We are now on the verge of a busy season, and the prospects point to the fact that it will eclipse all former years in the history of our science. Dealers! To enjoy this trade you must judiciously advertise; a better advertising medium than this paper cannot be found. Our guaranteed circulation is 5,000 copies, extending through more than one hundred different countries. Every copy is carefully and judiciously placed where it will bring the best results to the advertiser. Our rates, $1 per inch, are very low, averaging but *20 cts. for every 1000 copies.* We guarantee our circulation, and know that a trial advertisement will ensure your regular patronage.

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A World's Fair Issue. In our last issue we mentioned the probability of the U. S. Government issuing a special set of stamps as a commemoration of the World's Fair. Our readers will no doubt be glad to learn that this looked-for issue is now a future fact. We see by leading United States periodicals, that Postmaster-General Wannamaker has *officially* announced his intention to make said issue, and that the designs will be very similiar to the issue of 1869, illustrating leading incidents in American history. The values of the new issue have not yet been made known, but it is expected that they will be the same as the current issue, the 30 and 90 cent values being succeeded by a 25 and 50 cent. It will in all probability be an issue that will do the United States Government great credit. It will, however, receive a warm welcome from the U. S. Philatelits, who like an issue as often as possible, *when* comforted by the assurance that "Seebeck" does not control it.

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Points of Progress. Among the many prominent features specially to be observed at present in the field of philately, is the progressiveness of the organized effort put forth. For instance, we may cite among others: the efforts for repealing duties on stamps in the United States and "The Organized Committee for the World's Fair Exhibit." These both bespeak great advancement. We also notice that philatelists are speaking forth the praises of our science to the outside world, insomuch that as a result of this, the public press all over the continent are publishing pages and pages of articles bearing on our cause, all of which materially assist our progress. As a philatelist, let no opportunity slip by when a chance presents itself to assist Philately in the preceding manner, the *Press.*

The "Seebeck" Issues. In the *Eagle Philatelist* for July we note an article on the Seebeck issues which is of more than passing interest. The writer is in our opinion, a little too severe in his criticism of these issues, not that we consider them worthy of the place, which if their beauty was taken into consideration they would occupy; but notwithstanding our knowledge of their source and origin, we can still find points that will counterbalance all negative opinions. One of the leading arguments advanced by philatelists, as a reason for their adherence to our science, is the beauty, the originality of design, the harmony of colors, and other similiar reasons. Now the above characteristics are the leading points which claim our adherence to the issue of those so-called "Seebecktized" countries. We can also commend the "Seebeck issues" for another thing, viz:—their low price; had their controller placed an exorbitant figure upon them we could justly complain. If the plates of these stamps are destroyed, as Mr. Seebeck *guarantees*, another strong objection is removed. There is but one strong objection that bears any forcible weight on the subject, and that is: We have already more varieties than we can well collect, and from *this standpoint*, Mr. Seebeck and his speculative issue are, *in a sense*, a nuisance. The latest victims to fall into his grasp are, Ecuador or Bolivia, and it is hinted strongly, that the recent issue of Liberia comes from a like source. Shall we collect these issues? Or shall we not? "That is the question?"

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The World's Fair. The philatelists of United States have of late been taking great interest in the proposed stamp exhibit to be held. Not only has it been talked about, but already their preparations for this event have taken definite shape. The large local societies have all taken more or less action in regard to it. Many of these societies have already appointed councellors to look after their interests. The American Philatelic Association and its committee are looked up to as the leaders. We believe the A. P. A. committee have already made arrangements for 1000 feet of space. The Staten Island Philatelic Society, at a recent meeting, passed a motion asking that the stamp exhibit be mounted on the sheets of the Staten Island permanent album, and that these sheets would be supplied free. The Philatelists of the United States and Canada should awake to the fact that active co-operation by all must necessarily be given in order to have it a success. With proper parties in charge of the exhibit it would serve the purpose of showing what the standing of philately really is. We expect to be able to lay before our readers much in regard to the plan of action taken by our U. S. brethren by next month. As yet, Canada has made no arrangements. It should be done and done quickly. To this end we would suggest that a committee of Canadian Philatelists be appointed to represent Canada at the World's Fair. Nominations are now in order; committees should consist of some (3 or 4) of the leading *collectors*, who will work. Any correspondence in regard to this will be cheerfully answered by the editor. Let us hear from you.

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Five Great Conventions. The past month has been an active one among the societies, five important and successful gatherings have been held, all of which passed off without the usual wrangling which is so common at conventions of all kinds. The First Annual Convention of the Sons of Philately was held at Gettsburg, Pa., on July 4; the American Philatelic Association held their Seventh Annual Convention at Niagara Falls, on August 15, 16 and 17; the Canadian Philatelic Association held their Convention on the Canadian side, the three following days; the Philatelic Society of Canada Convention was held at Ottawa, on August 18, 19 and 20; the Iowa Philatelic Association met at the Kirkwood House, Des Moines, on August 30 and 31. Let us congratulate ourselves on the happy termination of these gatherings.

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Bradt's 7th Sale. The S. B. Bradt Company held their Seventh Auction Sale, the first of this season, on September 14, inst. The Company have removed to new quarters, at 132 Wabash Avenue, where this sale was held. The sale consisted of 421 lots; no exceptional rarities were offered, the stamps being *mostly* of the cheaper kinds. Mr. C. M. Wilbur conducted the sale.

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The I. P. A. We have to thank the officers of the Iowa Philatelic Association for a neat and well got up invitation to their First Annual Convention at Des Moines, August 30 and 31. We regret that distance prevented our attendance.

To Members of P. S. of C. This Journal has resigned the Official Organship of the P S. of C. in order to have more room for reading matter. All members of the P.S. of C. formerly received this paper, as official organ, free. A sample copy of this issue is sent to every P.S. of C. member, with a cordial invitation to forward the required amount for their subscription at once, otherwise paper will necessarily be discontinued. We give more interesting reading matter each month than any other philatelic paper published for the price, and guarantee to fill all subscriptions. Send us your quarter, and insure our regular visits for twelve months.

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Re Amalgamation. The Iowa Philatelic Association, at the Convention, Des Moines, passed a motion, favoring it (Aug. 31). A vote has just been called on the subject, by the *Western Philatelic Union*, but at the time of going to press, has not as yet been announced. The P.S. of C. favors the motion, as also do most of the large societies. The Sons of Philately disfavor it.

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"The Cholera Scare." Collectors and Philatelists in general, together with the post office clerks, seem more or less worried when they are compelled to handle European mail matter ; this on account of the prevalence of the cholera in some parts of Europe. At all the United States and Canadian entry posts, all the mails are fumigated, and this removes the apparent danger. The disease is raging in Germany at present ; will it cause the prices in old German stamps to drop their real value ?

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Our Chronicle and Literary Review, which have always been such a prominent part of this paper, will be resumed as usual in our October number. We were compelled to leave them out this month, owing to the pressure of other matter. Both of these departments are always complete and up to date.

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N. B. Shilling. Recent despatches from Europe, advise us that the price of this stamp has decreased 25% during the past month. The prices realized for it at various auction and private sales, during the past month, have hardly averaged 20 and 25 dollars for good specimens. The New Brunswick remainders of the cent issue have slightly advanced. European dealers experience a great demand for New Brunswick stamps.

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Our October Issue. We expect to have the report of the Paris Philatelic Exhibition. We have on hand, several superior articles for that issue, and that number will excel all our former issues. We would strongly advise those who have not as yet subscribed, to do so, for, in missing the above issue, you miss a treat.

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A Serious Fraud. John J. Morgan, of Trenton, N. J., has decamped, leaving hundreds of swindled dealers to bemoan his absence. Not only was he an approval sheet fraud, but every possible way of defrauding dealers, collectors and publishers was practised by him. He sent us an advertisement for insertion in this paper, but having our suspicions, same was refused. The Post Office Inspectors are searching for him; they say he secured thousands of dollars worth of stamps.

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Various Matters. The Exchange Department is ready for everybody, and the rates very low compared with our regular adv. rates.—Collectors and dealers would confer a favor on the publishers by forwarding us the names of all their stamp collecting friends.—Our Approval Sheet Department is in active operation—see advertisement !—Cash must be sent with copy by advertisers unknown to us.—Subscriptions must begin with current issue ; back numbers are very scarce and can only be supplied at 10 cts. each; no discount.

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